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OHIO HOG INVENTORY UP FROM MARCH 2005

Ohio hog producers had 1.53 million hogs on hand March 1, 2006, down 1 percent from last quarter but up 2 percent from a year ago. The number of market hogs, at 1.37 million head, was down 1 percent from last quarter but up 2 percent from last year. Breeding stock, at 160,000 head, was unchanged from last year but down 3 percent from last quarter.

The pig crop during the December-February 2006 quarter numbered 683,000 head, 1 percent below last year and 6 percent below last quarter. The number of sows farrowed during the December-February 2006 quarter, at 75,000 was 2,000 head below last year and 5,000 head below last quarter. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.1, up 1 percent for the same period last year, but unchanged from last quarter.

Ohio producers intend to farrow 79,000 sows during the March-May 2006 quarter; 2,000 head more than a year earlier. Farrowing intentions for the summer quarter, June-August 2006, is 80,000 sows, 2,000 head more from the same quarter of 2005.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2005, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up

slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2005-February 2006 pig crop, at 25.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the December 2005-February 2006 period, compared to 8.94 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2004 and 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY-MARCH 1, 2005 AND 2006 - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Hogs and pigs for breeding		Hogs and pigs for market		All hogs and pigs	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Thousand Head						
Illinois	430	420	3,570	3,630	4,000	4,050
Indiana	290	310	2,710	2,790	3,000	3,100
Iowa	1,080	1,100	15,020	15,200	16,100	16,300
N. Carolina	1,010	1,020	8,690	8,480	9,700	9,500
Ohio	160	160	1,340	1,370	1,500	1,530
UNITED STATES	5,941	6,025	53,757	54,079	59,699	60,104

MARKET HOGS - MARCH 1, 2005 AND 2006 - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Thousand Head								
Illinois	1,360	1,280	840	870	760	800	610	680
Indiana	1,000	1,020	650	710	570	560	490	500
Iowa	4,300	4,670	4,230	4,150	3,490	3,440	2,970	2,940
N. Carolina	3,410	3,400	2,030	1,940	1,830	1,690	1,420	1,450
Ohio	550	550	310	320	300	310	180	190
UNITED STATES	19,667	19,838	13,087	13,114	11,360	11,317	9,644	9,811

SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	September-November				December-February ^{1/}			
	Sows farrowing		Pig crop		Sows farrowing		Pig crop	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Thousand Head								
Illinois	210	200	1,859	1,770	210	195	1,869	1,755
Indiana	135	135	1,195	1,215	130	130	1,144	1,164
Iowa	460	455	4,094	4,095	440	455	3,916	4,095
N. Carolina	550	550	4,950	4,950	540	540	4,779	4,914
Ohio	77	80	693	728	77	75	693	683
UNITED STATES	2,888	2,888	25,881	26,080	2,835	2,840	25,343	25,654

FARROWING INTENTIONS - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	March-May Sows			June-August Sows		
	2005 ^{2/}	2006 ^{3/}	06/05	2005 ^{2/}	2006 ^{3/}	06/05
Thousand Head			Pct.	Thousand Head		
Illinois	210	210	100	205	205	100
Indiana	135	135	100	140	145	104
Iowa	440	460	105	460	470	102
N. Carolina	550	540	98	560	550	98
Ohio	77	79	103	78	80	103
UNITED STATES	2,882	2,896	101	2,918	2,923	100

1/ December of the preceding year. 2/ Actual number of sows farrowed. 3/ Intentions to farrow.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during February 2006 totaled 21.1 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 8.7 million pounds, down slightly; calves, down considerably; hogs, 23.0 million pounds, up 3 percent; sheep & lambs, 53 thousand pounds, up 39 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.48 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.42 billion pounds produced in February 2005.

Beef production, at 1.82 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.35 million head, up slightly from February 2005. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,283 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,000 head, down 14 percent from February 2005. The average live weight was 35 pounds above last year, at 362 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.05 million head, 1 percent below February 2005. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 5 pounds from February a year ago. February 2006 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

FEBRUARY COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	% of prev. yr.	2005	2006	% of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	7.7	7.7	100	2,342.9	2,345.9	100
Calves ^{1/}	3.9	0.1	3	61.7	53.0	86
Hogs	82.1	83.4	102	8,107.8	8,054.7	99
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.5	167	214.0	202.5	95
Average live weight (lbs.)						
Cattle	1,133	1,120	99	1,253	1,283	102
Calves	395	350	89	327	362	111
Hogs	272	276	101	270	272	101
Sheep & Lambs	114	108	95	140	145	104
Total live weight (000 lbs.)						
Cattle	8,747	8,671	99	2,936,796	3,009,921	102
Calves ^{1/}	1,557	20	1	20,182	19,192	95
Hogs	22,319	22,993	103	2,188,843	2,190,183	100
Sheep & Lambs	38	53	139	29,993	29,344	98

1/ Large volume decrease generated percentages not suitable for analysis.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during February 2006 was 379 million pounds, 13 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during February 2006 was 273 thousand. The yield per cow, at 1,390 pounds, was up 1 percent.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled

13.0 billion pounds, up 5.9 percent from February 2005. January production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 5.5 percent from January 2005. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,588 pounds for February, 66 pounds above February 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.21 million head, 121,000 head more than February 2005, and 118,000 head more than January 2006.

JANUARY MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Hard	1,622	1,742	107	60,440	61,211	101

FEBRUARY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			06/05
	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,742	1,776	1,781	1,635	1,825	1,705	2,848	3,241	3,037	107
Ohio	267	273	273	1,370	1,490	1,390	366	407	379	104
Wisconsin	1,234	1,240	1,240	1,400	1,585	1,455	1,728	1,965	1,804	104
23 State Total	8,084	8,195	8,205	1,522	1,710	1,588	12,301	14,014	13,029	106

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 28, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, chicken, cheese, and eggs.

Butter stocks were up 38 percent from last month and up 37 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 3 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 1 percent from last month and down 4 percent from

the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 6 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on February 28, 2006 were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 22 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month, but up 45 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 19 percent from last month, but down 17 percent from February 28, 2005.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

	GAS STOKES IN COLD STORAGE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS				
	Feb 28, 2005	Jan 31, 2006	Feb 28, 2006	February 28, 2006 as percent of	
				2/28/05	1/31/06
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	110,876	110,072	151,678	137	138
Cheese, Total Natural	723,681	750,470	775,028	107	103
Eggs, Frozen	17,865	22,549	24,184	135	107
Fruits, Frozen	874,252	972,081	874,169	100	90
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,888,636	1,366,269	1,363,224	72	100
Meats, Total Red	956,171	997,158	968,536	101	97
Beef, Total Frozen	400,240	452,470	429,248	107	95
Pork, Total Frozen	541,218	524,424	518,925	96	99
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,017,422	1,186,357	1,237,966	122	104
Chicken	634,778	920,749	920,028	145	100
Turkeys	379,408	262,335	313,337	83	119
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,994,041	2,048,395	1,873,851	94	91
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,152,818	1,076,226	1,156,096	100	107

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities from 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during February, 2006, totaled 592 million eggs; down 12 percent from last month but up 6 percent compared with a year earlier when production for February, 2005 totaled 558 million eggs. During February there were 29.6 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,002 eggs per 100 layers, or 71.5 percent. There were 5.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on March 1, 2006. Twenty-one-percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt compared with 22.5 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on March 1, 2006, 4.0 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.5 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.97 billion during February 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs, and 989 million hatching eggs, of which 927 million were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The number of layers during February 2006 averaged 350 million, up slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,995 eggs, also up slightly from February 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2006, totaled 350 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 350 million layers consisted of 291

million layers producing table-type eggs, 56 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2006, averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from March 1, 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2006 totaled 33.7 million, down 1 percent from February 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.5 million on March 1, 2006 down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2006 totaled 733 million, up slightly from February 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 666 million on March 1, 2006, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.9 million, up 7 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the February 1 total of 30.1 million. The 23.3 million poults placed during February 2006 in the United States were up 9 percent from last year.

FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2005	2006		2006	2005	2006	2005
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,129	29,570	2,002	558	592	1,836	1,937
U.S.	348,791	349,653	1,995	6,928	6,974	22,275	22,486

^{1/} Accumulated period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
Feb.	33,932	33,665	99	731,274	733,145	100	21,321	23,300	109
Jan. Feb.	71,868	69,087	96	1,527,300	1,537,218	101	129,744	137,334	106

^{1/} Accumulated period for turkeys begins September.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1, 2006

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
E. North Central ^{1/}	6,853	6,291	92	8,319	9,116	110	4,517	4,663	103
United States	36,774	36,514	99	658,866	665,624	101	28,051	29,881	107

^{1/} Not available by States.

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